

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated June 9, 2009 in which the Examiner objected to claims 3, 6, 10 and 11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and rejected claims 2, 4-5 and 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

As indicated above, objected to claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 2. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 2, 4-5 and 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Since objected to claims 6, 10 and 11 depend from allowable claims, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraws the objection thereto.

Finally, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4-5 and 8-9 are not a matter of obvious design choice. Applicant respectfully brings the Examiner's attention to page 14, line 23 through page 15, line 14 for support for claims 4 and 8 and to page 22, lines 3-22 for support for claims 5 and 9. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 4-5 and 8-9 are not limitations as a matter of design choice.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for a reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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